

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MISSOURI.

FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state of Missouri an amendment to the Constitution thereof, providing for the compensation of members of the general assembly.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, That at the general election to be held in this state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1908, there shall be submitted for adoption to the qualified voters of the state the following constitutional amendment, to-wit:

The section sixteen (16) of article (X) of the Constitution of the state of Missouri and the same is hereby repealed and the following new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 16:

Section 16. Members, compensation of.—

The members of the general assembly shall severally receive from the state treasury the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly at the end of each quarter, which shall be full compensation for their services and expenses except as herein provided.

Committee of either house or committees of both houses appointed to examine the institutions of the state, or any number of citizens of the state, may receive their actual expenses necessarily incurred while in the performance of duty, the items of such expenses to be returned to the chairman of such committee and by him certified to the state auditor before the same or any part thereof can be paid. And no emoluments for any purpose whatever shall be made to or received by the members of either house or committee for their use out of the legislative fund or otherwise, except as herein expressly provided; and no allowance or emolument for any purpose whatever shall ever be paid to any officer, agent, servant or employee of either house of the general assembly except such per diem as may be provided by law, not to exceed five dollars per day.

SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state of Missouri an amendment to the Constitution thereof, concerning revenue and taxation.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the general election to be held on Tuesday, next following the first Monday in November, A. D. 1908, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Missouri concerning revenue and taxation, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said state:

Section 22. In addition to taxes authorized to be levied for county purposes under and by virtue of section 10, article 10 of the Constitution of this state, the county court in the several counties of this state, under township organization, and the township board of directors in the several counties under the township organization, may in their discretion levy and collect in the same manner as state and county taxes are collected, a special tax not exceeding twenty-five cents on each \$100 valuation to be used for road and bridge expenses, but for no other purpose whatever, and the power hereby given said county courts and township boards is declared to be a discretionary power.

THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to the Constitution thereof concerning the initiative and referendum.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the general election to be held in this state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1908, there shall be submitted for adoption to the qualified voters of the state the following amendment to the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section 1. The legislative authority of the state shall be vested in a legislative assembly consisting of a senate and house of representatives, but the people reserve to themselves power to propose laws and amendments to the Constitution, and to enact or reject the same at the polls, independent of the legislature, and also reserve power at their own option, to propose or enact at the polls, an act of the legislative assembly.

The first power reserved by the people is the initiative, and not more than eight per cent of the legal voters in each of at least two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state shall be required to propose any measure by such petition, and every such petition shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. Initiative petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than four months before the election at which they are to be voted upon. The second power is the referendum, and may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and laws making appropriations for the current expenses of the state government for the maintenance of the state institutions and for the support of the public schools) either by the petition signed by 5 per cent of the legal voters in each of at least two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state, or by the legislative assembly, as other bills are enacted. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not more than thirty days after the final adjournment of the session of the legislative assembly by which passed the bill on which the referendum is demanded. The veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures referred to the people. All elections on measures referred to the people shall be had at the biennial regular general elections, except when the legislative assembly shall order a special election. Any measure referred to the people shall take effect and become the law when it is approved by a majority of the voters cast thereon, and not otherwise. The style of all bills shall be "A Bill in the name of the people of the state of Missouri." This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the legislative assembly of the right to introduce any measure. The whole number of votes cast for justice of the supreme court at the regular election last preceding the filing of any petition for the initiative or for the referendum, shall be the basis upon which the number of legal voters necessary to sign such petition shall be counted. Petitions and orders for the initiative and for the referendum shall be filed with the secretary of state, and in submitting the same to the people he, and all other officers, shall be guided by the general laws, and the acts amending this amendment, and legislation thereon, especially provided for.

FOURTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to the Constitution thereof concerning the judicial department.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the general election to be held in this state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1908, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state the following amendment to the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section 1. The supreme court shall consist of nine judges, who shall reside at the seat of government, and shall sit either in divisions or in banc, as may be ordered by the court. After the first day of January, in the year 1909, the court shall be divided into three divisions, to be composed of three judges each, and designated as divisions one, two and three. Each judge shall be assigned to a division of which he is to constitute a part, in such manner and for such time as the court in banc may determine, and the court in banc may change such assignments at any time if it may be deemed proper so to do. The court shall elect its chief justice, and each division a presiding justice. The divisions shall sit separately for the hearing and disposition of causes, and each shall have concurrent jurisdiction of all the causes and matters in the Supreme court, except that division number two shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all criminal cases pending in said court. Provided, that any cause except criminal cases may be by the court be assigned to the court in banc at the first instance, and any cause may be transferred in selecting any

for any of the reasons mentioned in section 16.

The decision of the business and assignment of causes of which said divisions have concurrent jurisdiction shall be made as the supreme court in banc may determine. A majority of the judges of a division shall constitute a quorum thereof, and all other judgments and decrees of either division as to matters and causes pending before it shall have the force and effect of those of the court.

Sec. 2. Upon the adoption of this amendment, the governor shall appoint two additional judges of the supreme court, who shall hold their offices until the first day of January in the year 1911, and at the general election in the year 1912, the term of which shall be elected, who shall hold their offices until the first day of January in the year 1913, and the one receiving the highest number of votes for a term of eight years from the first day of January in the year 1911, and the one receiving the next highest number of votes for a term of six years from said date. Thereafter judges shall be elected for a term of ten years, excepting the first, which shall be an unexpired term, in which case their terms shall expire as otherwise required in the Constitution. The supreme court shall hold three regular terms a year, beginning on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of January, April and October of each year.

Sec. 3. The supreme court shall assign to each division and to a court in banc the causes to be heard by it, of which assignment due public notice shall be given, and all laws relating to practice in the supreme court, as well as the rules of the supreme court, shall apply to each division so far as they may be applicable thereto. The opinions of each division and of a court in banc shall be written, and the records of each division, in which they shall be respectively made during the term at which the cause is submitted, and such opinions shall be a part of the records of the supreme court. A copy of each divisional opinion shall, at the time it is rendered, be furnished to the presiding judge of each of the other divisions for the information of the other divisions, and the presiding judge of each division shall have authority to issue the original writs and exercise the powers enumerated in section three of article six of the constitution.

Sec. 4. When one judge of a division dissent from the opinion thereto, or when a federal question is involved, the cause, on the application of the losing party, shall be remanded to the court of appeals, if it is of opinion, or when a division in which a cause is pending shall so order, the cause shall be transferred to the court in banc for its decision.

Sec. 5. If the supreme court may, of its own motion order a cause otherwise within the jurisdiction of a court of appeals, transferred from the supreme court, to a court in banc, the court in banc, or to another court in banc, whenever in its opinion a determination of a constitutional question is not necessary for the proper disposition of the case. And the supreme court may order any cause transferred to the proper court of appeals over which the opinion of the supreme court, in the case of appeal, has jurisdiction.

Sec. 6. In the trial of a cause in a circuit court or a court of appeals, and in the trial of causes in a court of appeals, transferred from the supreme court, or to another court in banc, or to a court in banc, the court in banc, or to another court in banc, may, with the assent of two-thirds of the voters thereof, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, be allowed to become indebted in a larger amount than specified in section twelve of article ten (X) of the Constitution of this state, not exceeding an additional five (5) per centum on the value of the taxable property, in addition to the taxes for purchasing or constructing waterworks, electric or other light plants, shall not be considered in determining the amount of indebtedness of any such city heretofore incurred or hereafter to be incurred for the purchase or construction of waterworks, electric or other light plants, to be owned exclusively by the city purchasing or constructing the same; and the indebtedness of any such city heretofore incurred or hereafter to be incurred for the purchase or construction of waterworks, electric or other light plants, shall not be considered in determining the amount of indebtedness which may be incurred under the provisions of section twelve of article ten (X) of the Constitution of this state: Provided, that any such city incurring any such indebtedness requiring the assent of the voters as aforesaid shall have the power to provide for, and before or at the time of incurring such indebtedness, shall provide for the payment of an annual tax in addition to the other taxes provided for by this Constitution, sufficient to pay the interest on such indebtedness as it falls due, and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof, within twenty years from the time of contracting the same, any proceeding in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEVENTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state of Missouri an amendment to the Constitution thereof, concerning taxation.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the general election to be held in this state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1908, there shall be submitted for adoption to the qualified voters of the state the following amendment to the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section 1. The legislative authority of the state shall be vested in a legislative assembly consisting of a senate and house of representatives, but the people reserve to themselves power to propose laws and amendments to the Constitution, and to enact or reject the same at the polls, independent of the legislature, and also reserve power at their own option, to propose or enact at the polls, an act of the legislative assembly.

The first power reserved by the people is the initiative, and not more than eight per cent of the legal voters in each of at least two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state shall be required to propose any measure by such petition, and every such petition shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. Initiative petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than four months before the election at which they are to be voted upon. The second power is the referendum, and may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and laws making appropriations for the current expenses of the state government for the maintenance of the state institutions and for the support of the public schools) either by the petition signed by 5 per cent of the legal voters in each of at least two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state, or by the legislative assembly, as other bills are enacted. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not more than thirty days after the final adjournment of the session of the legislative assembly by which passed the bill on which the referendum is demanded. The veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures referred to the people. All elections on measures referred to the people shall be had at the biennial regular general elections, except when the legislative assembly shall order a special election. Any measure referred to the people shall take effect and become the law when it is approved by a majority of the voters cast thereon, and not otherwise. The style of all bills shall be "A Bill in the name of the people of the state of Missouri." This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the legislative assembly of the right to introduce any measure. The whole number of votes cast for justice of the supreme court at the regular election last preceding the filing of any petition for the initiative or for the referendum, shall be the basis upon which the number of legal voters necessary to sign such petition shall be counted. Petitions and orders for the initiative and for the referendum shall be filed with the secretary of state, and in submitting the same to the people he, and all other officers, shall be guided by the general laws, and the acts amending this amendment, and legislation thereon, especially provided for.

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FOURTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to the Constitution thereof concerning the judicial department.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

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FIFTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to the Constitution thereof concerning the initiative and referendum.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

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